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Israel in Egypt

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ISRAEL IN EGYPT

ORATORIO, composed in October, 1738. Text arranged mostly from Exodus, the Psalms, and Isaiah. Produced at the King's Theatre in the Haymarket, April 4, 1739, under the direction of HANDEL. Vocal score edited by MENDELSSOHN, for the Handel Society, in 1844. First performance by the Handel and Haydn Society, Feb. 13, 1859; present performance the eighth.

PART ONE

THE CAPTIVITY AND THE DELIVERANCE

No. 1 RECITATIVE *Tenor*

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph; and he set over Israel task-masters to afflict them with burthens; and they made them serve with rigor.

No. 2 CHORUS

And the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage; and their cry came up unto God. They oppressed them with burthens, and made them serve with rigor; and their cry came up unto God.

No. 3 RECITATIVE *Tenor*

Then sent He Moses His servant and Aaron whom He had chosen: these showed His signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. He turned their waters into blood.

No. 4 CHORUS

They loathed to drink of the river. He turned their waters into blood.

No. 5 AIR *Alto*

Their land brought forth frogs; yea, even in their king's chambers. He gave their cattle over to the pestilence: blotches and blains broke forth on man and beast.

No. 6 CHORUS

He spake the word; and there came all manner of flies and lice in all their quarters. He spake; and the locusts came without number and devoured the fruit of the ground.

No. 7 CHORUS

He gave them hail-stones for rain: fire mingled with the hail ran along upon the ground.

No. 8 CHORUS

He sent a thick darkness over all the land; even darkness which might be felt.

No. 8½ RECITATIVE *Soprano*

Thrice happy Israel in the light of God!
Well may'st thou now take up thy song and sing,
Hail, holy Light, offspring of Heaven first born!
Or hear'st thou rather pure ethereal stream,
Whose fountain who shall tell? Before the sun,
Before the heavens thou wert; and at the voice
Of God, as with a mantle, didst invest
The rising world of waters dark and deep,
Won from the void and formless infinite.

But soon as Pharaoh re-enjoyed this blessing, he and his people scorned to fear the Lord; and Israel indulged in their request: therefore the Lord again displayed his wrath.

No. 9 CHORUS

He smote all the first-born of Egypt, the chief of all their strength.

No. 10 CHORUS

But as for His people, He led them forth like sheep: He brought them out with silver and gold: there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

No. 11 CHORUS

Egypt was glad when they departed; for the fear of them fell upon them.

No. 11½ RECITATIVE, AIR *Bass*

He measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and meted out Heaven with a span; and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure; and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance. . . . He layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters, and walketh upon the wings of the wind. He maketh His angels spirits, His ministers a flaming fire.

No. 12 CHORUS

He rebuked the Red Sea ; and it was dried up.

No. 13 CHORUS

He led them through the deep as through a wilderness.

No. 14 CHORUS

But the waters overwhelmed their enemies: there was not one of them left.

No. 14½ RECITATIVE, AIR *Bass*

God, looking down, confounded all their host,
And crazed their chariot wheels. When, by command,
Moses once more his potent wand extends over the sea,
The sea his rod obeys. On their embattled ranks
The waves return, and overwhelm their war.
. . . Wave from wave, congealed with wonder,
Stood, a crystal wall, asunder ;
But rejoined at His dread thunder,
Whose right hand their strength controlled.
Jordan's foamy streams complying,
From the Almighty presence flying,
Nature's constant laws denying,
To their murmuring fountain rolled.

No. 15 CHORUS

And Israel saw that great work that the Lord did upon the Egyptians ; and the people feared the Lord; —

No. 16 CHORUS

And believed the Lord and His servant Moses.

PART TWO

SONGS OF PRAISE AND TRIUMPH

No. 17 CHORUS

Moses and the children of Israel sang this song unto the Lord; and spake, saying, —

No. 18 CHORUS

I will sing unto the Lord; for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.

No. 19 DUET *Sopranos*

The Lord is my strength and my song: He is become my salvation.

No. 20 CHORUS

He is my God; and I will prepare him an habitation; my Father's God.

No. 21 CHORUS

And I will exalt him.

No. 22 DUET *Basses*

The Lord is a man of war: Lord is his name: Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

No. 23 CHORUS

The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

No. 24 CHORUS

Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: Thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

No. 25 CHORUS

And in the greatness of Thine excellence Thou hast overthrown them that rose up against Thee.

No. 26 CHORUS

Thou sentest forth Thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

No. 27 CHORUS

And with the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were gathered together: the floods stood upright as an heap; and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

No. 28 AIR *Tenor*

The enemy said, I will pursue: I will overtake: I will divide the spoil: my lust shall be satisfied upon them: I will draw my sword: my hand shall destroy them.

No. 29 AIR *Soprano*

Thou didst blow with thy wind: the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

No. 30 CHORUS

Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee; glorious in holiness; fearful in praises; doing wonders? Thou stretchedst out Thy right hand.

No. 31 CHORUS

The earth swallowed them.

No. 32 DUET *Alto, Tenor*

Thou in Thy mercy hath led forth Thy people which Thou hast redeemed: Thou hast guided them in Thy strength unto Thy holy habitation.

No. 33 CHORUS

The people shall hear and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on them: all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away: by the greatness of Thy arm, they shall be as still as a stone till Thy people pass over, O Lord, which Thou hast purchased.

No. 34 AIR *Alto*

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Thine inheritance; in the place, O Lord, which Thou hast made for Thee to dwell in; in the sanctuary, O Lord, which Thy hands have established.

No. 35 CHORUS

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

No. 36 RECITATIVE *Soprano*

For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea; and the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

No. 37 CHORUS

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

No. 38 RECITATIVE *Soprano*

And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances; and Miriam answered them.

No. 39 SOLO *Soprano*

Sing ye to the Lord; for He hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.

CHORUS

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever; for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

Will those who cannot stay through the last chorus kindly take advantage of the pause before it begins.